

## Nagourney Jennifer

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2014 3:49 PM  
**To:** Nagourney Jennifer  
**Subject:** Statement for hearing

Ms.Nagourney,

Due to the flash flooding I am unable to attend the hearing for Gateway Lab Schools charter modification for our alternative performance framework. Below, please find the statement I was planning on delivering.

Thank You,

Chris Santantasio  
Board of Directors  
Gateway Lab School

Gateway Lab School is a charter school whose mission is to serve a unique population of students who have struggled to find success in a traditional classroom environment. Currently, over 60% of our student body of roughly 208 students have IEP's and an additional percentage have 504 plans. These students only stand to benefit from the alternative performance assessment that will be granted by this waiver. Our administration, in conjunction with our faculty and board of directors has already taken action to build an academically rigorous program of study that includes the MAP assessment and new common core aligned curricula in math and ELA. These and other strategies will build on the great success Gateway has had in creating a nurturing environment built on strong core values that has garnered recognition from the Delaware Academy for School Leadership in a recent Comprehensive School Review. With the full support of our faculty and parents, this multi-tiered approach will provide Gateway Lab School students the opportunity to continue to learn and grow in an academically rigorous environment where their inherent strengths are valued as their educational needs are met. Thank your consideration of this modification to our charter.

**EXHIBIT**

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